Library Instructional Activities Executive Summary 2010-2011

During the 2010-2011 school year, librarians engaged in many activities to promote the library and teach students how to use it. These activities included instruction to students, collaborating with faculty, and promoting the library.

One of the most important instructional activities performed by librarians is teaching class sessions on request by faculty for students' research assignments. Six librarians taught a combined 167 sessions for instructors in all colleges. In these mostly one-hour sessions, students learned information literacy, including how information is organized, how to search it, critical thinking involved in evaluating information, and documenting sources properly. This instruction reached 3,642 students. In the spring semester the library began offering thesis research and formatting workshops for graduate students through a CEGE Center Title V grant.

Librarians teach in other ways. At the reference desk, 4,927 students were given one-on-one instruction. In the classroom, librarians taught 4 sections of a credit course and team-taught a 5th course for departments that have integrated information literacy into their curriculum. In all, 102 students received graded instruction by librarians.

For faculty in instructional departments, librarians held 2 workshops at the faculty development center, as well as a workshop for on implementing the CSU Affordable Learning Solutions initiative, attended by 10 faculty. Librarians also made contact with 9 new department faculty members for instruction.

Librarians also promoted the library in several ways. They presented 8 orientations to departments and groups such as the Women's Softball Team, Genetic Counseling, EMBA, Nursing, Child Development Center, Student Ambassadors, and the Center for Portuguese Studies. In all 161 students were introduced to the library in these orientations.

To further promote the library, librarians attended five events such as the Residential Living Dinner, Preview Day, Organization Fair, and the Tech Fair where campus groups learned about library resources and collections. In addition, the library collaborated with the English department to host readings by published authors Elizabeth Hatmaker and Sam Pierstorff, attended by a total of approximately 115 persons. The library also hosted 7 Office of Institutional Technology faculty training workshops.